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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION LEADER SNEDDEN'S CONCERNS ABOUT FLEXIBLE  
RESPONSE AND INDONESIA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.

1. OPPOSITION LEADER SNEDDEN HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY TO FORWARD A LETTER TO DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CLEMENTS CONCERNING THE CONCEPT OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE ALONG WITH A LETTER TO DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL CONCERNING INDONESIA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.

2. IN THE LETTER TO DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS, MR. SNEDDEN AGAIN RAISES THE QUESTION OF THE DOCTRINE OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE AND ITS POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR AUSTRALIA. IN ESSENCE HE IS CONCERNED THAT THE DOCTRINE OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE MAKES NUCLEAR WAR MORE LIKELY AND IN THE EVENT OF A LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR UNITED STATES INSTALLATIONS IN AUSTRALIA ARE LIKELY TARGETS.

3. IN THE LETTER TO DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL MR. SNEDDEN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT INDONESIA MAY DEVELOP A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY IN THE FUTURE.

4. THESE LETTERS ARE BEING SENT TO EA/ANP. IT IS CLEAR THAT MR. SNEDDEN NEEDS SOME FURTHER REASSURANCE ON  
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THESE SUBJECTS WHICH HE IS RAISING AGAIN IN MUCH

THE SAME TERMS AS HE DISCUSSED THEM WITH MESSRS.  
CLEMENTS AND INGERSOLL IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER.  
THESE LETTERS WERE DRAFTED BY JOHN KNIGHT, SNEDDEN'S  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER, WHO IS NOW LEAVING  
SNEDDEN'S STAFF. IT MAY BE THAT KNIGHT RATHER THAN  
SNEDDEN HAS A PARTICULAR ATTACHMENT TO THESE TWO  
WORRIES. WE WILL CONTINUE THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS  
IN CANBERRA BUT GOOD RESPONSES TO THE LETTERS WILL  
BE HELPFUL.  
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